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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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CITY | BUSINESS

## Filling in the gaps

Fewer empty buildings left on Lincoln Avenue

By Matt Hopf  
City Editor

Vacant properties on Lincoln Avenue are less of a problem than they used to be.

Cindy Titus, executive director for the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, said many vacant buildings along Lincoln Avenue are now occupied.

One of the most noticeable redevelopments is the new Jimmy John's building, at 315 Lincoln Ave., which had long sat empty.

The intersection of Lincoln Avenue and University Drive is also another area that sees redevelopment.

The building where Advance Auto Parts, 440 W. Lincoln Ave., sits used to be a drug store, Titus said.

It was empty for years, she added.

Across the street, on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and E Street, is another redevelopment. Griffin Plaza and a new Walgreen's are replacing the Varsity Inn Motel and the former location of Gateway Liquors.

Gateway relocated to its current building, where Long John Silvers used to be.

Long John Silvers sat vacant for a while because the property was tied up in court, and no one could touch the property.

Titus said businesses have reopened quickly after previous businesses had closed. Los Potrillos, 1305 Lincoln Ave., opened after Russ and Lynda's closed. Bangkok Thai, 1140 Lincoln Ave., opened soon after China 88 closed. Recently, Golden Gyros opened in the location of Niro's Gyros.

There are still a few vacant buildings on Lincoln Avenue that have been vacant for a few years — but not because of a lack of interest.

"It's not for a lack of trying," Titus said. "The owners have chosen to leave the buildings unoccupied."

The most frustrating of these properties is the former Lulu's building, at 107 W. Lincoln Ave., she said.

Lulu's — best known for its "How Y'all Are" sign — closed in 1998 and has remained vacant since then.

Titus said people have approached the owner repeatedly about selling or leasing the property, but the owner is not interested.

Located at 303 Lincoln Ave., the former Harrison's Cycling and Fitness building also remains vacant.

A Chicago investment group

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CAMPUS | SPEAKER

## A local form of terrorism

Attacks by those sworn to protect targeted by speaker

By Emily Zulz  
Activities Reporter

Cedric Watson grew up in a neighborhood that experienced frequent police brutality.

But it happened so often that people stopped talking about it, he said.

Watson said he learned he needed to voice his opinion when he attended Loretta Prater's lecture Tuesday called "Guilty until Proven Innocent: Experience of African-American Males and Police Brutality."

"She (Prater) said silence is deadly," Watson said.

Watson is a sophomore speech communication major and member of Phi Beta Sigma.

Phi Beta Sigma sponsored the lecture as part of African-American Heritage Month.

Watson said his neighbors have not said anything for so long that they do not think of the violence as police brutality anymore.

He said he sees it and knows just to abide by the officer's rules.

Before beginning her slide presentation, Prater warned that the issue being addressed was "not going to be warm and fuzzy."



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Loretta Prater, dean of the College of Health and Human Services from Southeast Missouri State University, explains she is not anti-police, but she believes police need to serve and protect. She lectured on police brutality Tuesday night in Lumpkin Hall.

Prater is the dean of the College of Health and Human Services at Southeast Missouri State University. She was previously the chair of family and consumer sciences at Eastern for five years.

Prater's presentation was based on research she had done, cases she was aware of and personal experiences.

Prater's son died four years ago

from police brutality. Her son had been intoxicated, and the police took him to the ground and beat him. Her son could not breathe because officers were on top of him.

Prater referred to police brutality as a form of terrorism.

She said when Sept. 11 happened, terrorism seemed like a new term to many.

"In black America, we've known about this for a long time," Prater said.

Prater cited events like church bombings, cross burnings and lynchings.

"Police brutality is a severe epidemic," Prater said.

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CAMPUS | HOUSING

## Lifting students a real toll on system



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Elevators in many of the doors are falling short of repairs on a regular basis. Teams work constantly to keep all the elevators maintained.

By Heather Holm  
RHA Reporter

Housing and Dining Services has spent half a million dollars repairing elevators on campus.

The elevators have all been redone within the past seven years, said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining.

Despite the repairs, students still say that the elevators in residence

halls are unreliable.

"Recently, I haven't heard any problems, but in the past we have had a lot of issues," said Brian Buchanan, a junior elementary education major who lives in Andrews Hall. "We had a lot of problems at the beginning of the semester, and one broke down for about a month."

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## HITTING THE HOOPS



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kevin McCann, from team "Risky Business," drives into the lane against a Sigma Pi Epsilon defender during Tuesday night's basketball intramural finals in Lantz Arena.



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## EIU WEATHER

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## WEATHER BRIEF

Expect overcast skies with a chance of light precipitation today with highs in the mid 20s. Temperatures will drop into the teens tonight. Next chance of precipitation is on Thursday night.

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## ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## Timberlake to induct Madonna into Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Justin Timberlake will induct Madonna into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The "Sexyback" singer has been working with the Material Mom on her upcoming album, expected to be released this year.

Madonna will be among those honored March 10 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Manhattan. Other inductees include Leonard Cohen, John Mellencamp, The Dave Clark Five, The Ventures and Little Walter.

Tom Hanks will induct The Dave Clark Five, the '60s British pop band behind the hit "Glad All Over." Billy Joel will pay tribute to Mellencamp, and Lou Reed will honor Cohen.

Ben Harper will induct Little Walter, who produced 14 Top 10 hits on the R&B charts before his death in 1968 at 37. John Fogerty will induct The Ventures, whose hits include "Walk Don't Run" and "Ha-

waii Five-O."

Singer-songwriter Jerry Butler will induct Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, founders of the Philadelphia International record label that collaborated with R&B artists such as Butler, The O'Jays, Patti LaBelle and Lou Rawls.

## Miley, Billy Ray Cyrus to host 2008 CMT Music Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Billy Ray Cyrus and daughter Miley will host and perform at the 2008 CMT Music Awards.

The seventh annual awards show will air live April 14 on CMT from Belmont University's Curb Event Center. Alan Jackson, Brad Paisley, Carrie Underwood, Sugarland, Taylor Swift and Toby Keith will also be among the performers.

"We know it will be a fun-filled night with a lot of great music performances," Cyrus said Tuesday.

Cyrus, 46, made it big on the

country and pop charts in 1992 with his hit "Achy Breaky Heart." These days, he plays Miley's father on the 15-year-old actress-singer's "Hannah Montana" TV show.

"Hannah Montana" is filmed in Los Angeles, but the family has a home near Nashville. The Disney Channel recently announced that parts of Miley's upcoming movie will be filmed in Tennessee.

## Naomi Campbell in Brazil hospital for cyst removal

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Naomi Campbell was hospitalized in Sao Paulo for the removal of a small cyst, her publicist said.

The 37-year-old British supermodel, a frequent visitor to Brazil, was treated at Sirio Libanes Hospital.

"Following the successful procedure, she is now resting and is looking forward to getting back to work," said her publicist, Jeff Raymond.

## PHOTO OF THE DAY

## Looking the part



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Duke Baggett rehearses his role of "Henry IV" on Monday at the Charleston Alley Theatre. The production will open the theater's 18th season on Friday. Baggett is also director of the play, which is based on Luigi Pirandello's version of the famous Shakespearean work.

## WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

## Alaska's largest city holds first reindeer run

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — From sausages to stews, reindeer are usually a main dish in Alaska.

But the antlered animals were the main event at Anchorage's first annual running of the reindeer.

A cheering crowd of hundreds lined snow-packed Fourth Avenue Sunday to watch what was touted as Alaska's version of Spain's famed running of the bulls.

"Normally, we just eat them," said Mark Berg, a spectator who has lived in Alaska since 1967. "I just made some jambalaya the other day out of reindeer sausage."

Seven little reindeer, looking a bit bewildered, stood

next to their handlers as a crowd of roughly 1,000 costumed runners chatted excitedly at the start.

The reindeer were lined up behind the first heat of runners — several hundred women in costume. One had taped a paper bulls-eye to her back. Others masqueraded as carrots and lichen, both favorite foods of reindeer. At the signal to go, the reindeer stampeded into the crowd. Passing tourist shops, the downtown federal building and a stand selling reindeer hotdogs, the animals were well out in front by the halfway point.

"We thought, 'OK, they're just going to mosey along,' but they took off running," said Amanda Pelkola, who dressed as a carrot with a friend. "We got smoked by the reindeer."

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CAMPUS | EVENTS

# WINTER WONDERLAND: SNOWED IN

By Cari Wafford and Alycia  
Rockey  
Staff Reporters

The turnout for Winter Wonderland was underwhelming.

Student Body President Cole Rogers told the Apportionment Board on Jan. 17 that his goal was to get 500 students to attend the event.

After the festivities began at 7 p.m., about 40 students passed in and out of the Lawson Hall basement for the event.

The wonderland was originally scheduled to take place on the South Quad, but forecasted 39 mph winds forced the event indoors, Rogers said.

The heated tent that had been planned to house the event was canceled, along with the sleigh rides that Student Government had anticipated.

Extra funds from AB granted Student Government \$9,365 to entertain students with soloist Rebecca Loeb, the two-man band Warm Everest and fire-eating performers.

Money that was originally intended to be used on the heated tent and sleigh rides was used to purchase other items.

"More money went towards raffle prizes," Rogers said.

Rogers said despite the disappointment of having cancellation – and having the fire-eaters juggle instead of perform with fire – the other activities continued indoors.

Jordan Anderson and E.J. Singerson, a sophomore English major, provided music for the evening, along with Loeb.

The wonderland performance was the pair's first time playing as a duo in public, Anderson said.

"E.J. had been asked to perform at the event," Anderson said. "Last Sat-



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Marcus La-Rue, a sophomore management information systems major, and Vicky Allen, a junior special education major, pose for their snow globe photo Tuesday night during the Winter Wonderland event in Lawson Hall.

urday, he asked me to perform with him."

Aside from musical entertainment, students also passed time posing for photographs, which were turned into the backdrop for snow globes moments later.

Through the night, Student Government handed out literature on four tables regarding how to get involved with the organization.

The purpose of the event was to receive feedback relating to Eastern's Student Government, Rogers said.

The tables provided election information, the Student Government mission statement, a detailed project list and information about Eastern.

One of the tables allowed students to voice their opinions on issues with the university.

Student Government members

handed out surveys that asked students questions about their experiences at Eastern, relating to Student Government.

Students who filled out the survey were entered into a raffle to win prizes.

Prizes included Eastern-logo-emblazoned clothing and iPods. Students were required to stay for the entire event to claim prizes.

It is hoped that Winter Wonderland will become a new tradition for Eastern – and possibly become the spring semester version of First Night, said Amy Baumgart, Graduate Assistant for Student Life.

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JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Shares Shannon, a graduate student in the College of Student Affairs, lets jugglers throw above her head during Winter Wonderland.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Japan corporation featured at job fair

More than 100 school districts from Illinois and 15 other states will have representatives today from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for the Mid-America Educators Job Fair.

AEON Amity Corporation from Japan is scheduled to be at the fair. The corporation works with Japanese citizens to improve their English skills.

The job fair is free to attend. Contact Dianne Smith with Career Services at 581-2412 or at [dksmith2@eiu.edu](mailto:dksmith2@eiu.edu) for more information.

### Who's to blame for consumer portion sizes?

James Painter, chairman for the family and consumer sciences department, will give a lecture titled "Portion Size Me Too" today from noon to 1 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The lecture is a follow-up to a presentation Painter gave earlier in the semester about overeating in terms of portion sizes.

Today's lecture will focus on who is responsible for portion sizes that consumers eat.

The lecture is free of charge. Contact Julia Benedict at 581-8415 or at [jabenedict@eiu.edu](mailto:jabenedict@eiu.edu) for more information.

### Part of Jackson Avenue closed for construction

Jackson Avenue is closed from Division and Second streets to begin construction of a new bridge.

Crews blocked off the streets Tuesday to start the replacement of the 70-year-old bridge, which spans over the Town Branch Creek.

City Manager Scott Smith said the bridge will not reopen until July.

—Compiled by Editor in Chief Matt Daniels and City Editor Matt Hopf

CAMPUS | FACULTY SENATE

## Double approach for upcoming election voters

### Electronic software, paper ballots to be used March 26-27

By Brittni Garcia  
Faculty Senate Reporter

The elections committee will use a double approach for the upcoming Faculty Senate election.

In Tuesday's emergency meeting, the committee decided it would use paper ballots and an electronic voting process, said Ann Brownson, chair of the elections committee.

Instead of waiting to know if the software would be ready to use, the committee decided to use paper ballots for back up.

The electronic voting software used in the past two years does not exist anymore because the university decided to discontinue the software license.

Brownson said the software the senate used was expensive and only used for Faculty Senate elections.

Information Technology Service-



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Provost Blair Lord speaks about campus security during the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday afternoon in EIU's Booth Library.

es is now helping with the situation and is working on writing its own software for the senate elections.

ITS is worried about not meeting the deadline but is excited about the new software, Brownson said.

"It's a complicated process because there are 11 simultaneous elections taking place," Brownson

said.

Elections take place March 26 and 27, and ITS has a month to get the new software in place.

"They will give us periodic updates, but in the meantime, we will plunge into the old fashion way," said Faculty Senate Chair Lynne Curry.

If paper ballots are used for the election, faculty members can vote between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union next to Java Café.

If the electronic software process is used, faculty members can vote on the same days during the same hours.

The senate should know if it is going to use the software at least a few days before the election.

"Using the electronic process will greatly increase faculty participation," Brownson said. "Our No. 1 reason is to make it convenient for people."

Results from the election will be announced April 1 at the senate meeting.

Also at the meeting, the senate discussed next week's Faculty Forum.

The forum will be held at 2 p.m. March 4 in the Grand Ballroom of the Union. The forum will focus on academic integrity. Students and staff are invited to attend.

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## CORRECTION

On Page 6 of Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Dr. Loretta Prater is the Dean of the College of Health and Human Services at Southeast Missouri State.

*The DEN regrets the error.*

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## Letter to the editor

## AD CONCERNS REITERATED

The Feb. 25 editorial in *The Daily Eastern News* imploring the EIU community to take a more active interest in the athletic director search is on the mark, and I am guilty as charged.

There is one factual error in the editorial that should be pointed out, which only serves to reinforce *The DEN* position. It is stated that the athletics department's operating budget is \$3.4 million. Student fees ALONE contribute approximately \$3.5 million to the athletics department; the overall operating budget is probably in the neighborhood of \$8 million.

This is striking when put in the context of the state providing appropriated funds to EIU of approximately \$49 million a year (more than a million of which goes to the athletics department). Why do students contribute so much to athletics? Because students have consistently voted for fee increases to go to athletics through the Student Senate. Students should take an active interest into how their fees are spent, as *The DEN* implores.

Jon Blitz  
Chemistry professor

## Other views on news

## DEMS ALIENATING VOTERS

**U. Pittsburgh** – If Clinton's and Obama's chief prerogative this fall is to restore Democratic leadership, then they need to discontinue negative campaign tactics that only serve to further alienate voters from the Democratic Party, polarizing Democrats who support one of the two candidates.

The failures of the Bush administration, coupled with the virtual free-for-all in the presidential race this year (there was no incumbent or vice president running for the presidency) and several strong candidates on the Democratic side had almost everyone – from everyday voters to political strategists – stating that this was the Democrats' election to lose.

And now, a year into the campaign, it looks like that might be exactly what they're doing.

Staff editorial  
*The Pitt News*

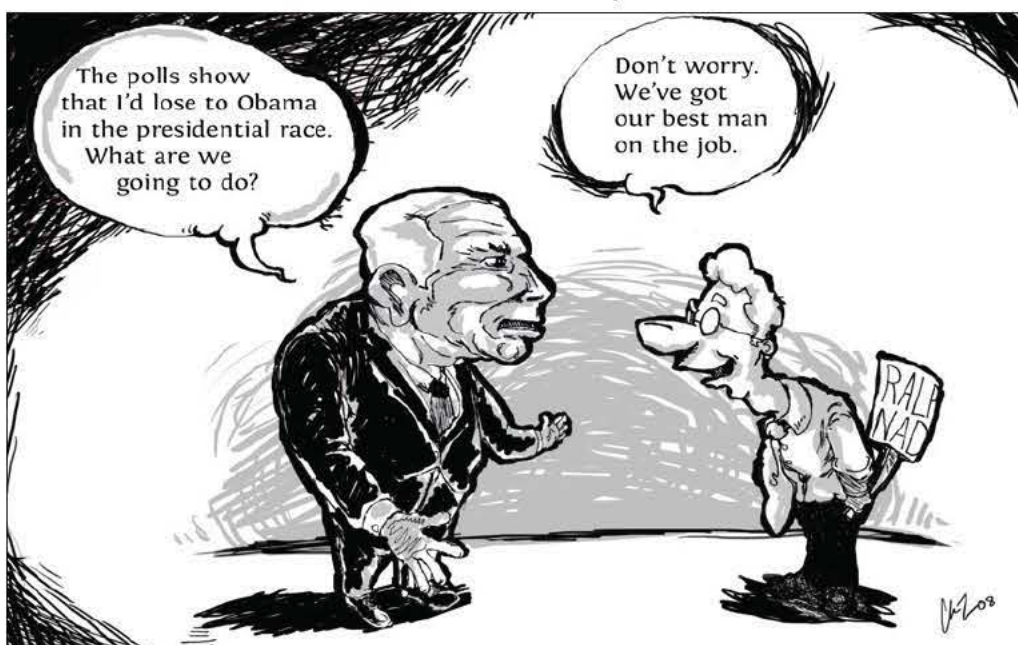
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## Drawn from the news | Chris Lee



## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Looking forward to seeing Bill Nye? Not anymore.

Bill Nye is not coming to Eastern. University Board made the announcement Friday that because of scheduling conflicts, Nye's appearance this semester has been canceled.

Nye's agent called Eastern and said that Nye would be filming a show on the scheduled date and would no longer be available.

Director of Student Life Ceci Brinker said that Nye's cancellation was a disappointment.

We could not agree more.

Since November, UB has been discussing bringing Nye to campus.

Three months, countless meetings and \$29,758 later, he is not coming to campus.

UB tried to reschedule his appearance, but no dates worked.

It appears that no big-name lecturer will be coming to campus this spring.

We understand that issues come up.

We understand that scheduling conflicts arise.

However, this is a disappointment to Eastern students, and UB needs to find a replacement speaker as soon as possible.

It appears the money allocated for Nye will have to be returned to the student fee account.

That is a bad idea.

Eastern students have come to expect at least one big-name lecturer per semester.

Jodie Sweetin, Kari Byron, Mick Foley and "Real World" cast members have all made their way to Eastern.

The lectures are usually well attended and provide students with insights and experiences they cannot get in a classroom.

UB needs to provide that again this semester.

However, financially, that may not be possible.

UB Lecture Coordinator Ryan Kerch said UB has been talking with the Apportionment Board about what will happen to the money that was allocated from AB for Bill Nye.

"It's not promising towards bringing, say, another big-named speaker at a similar price," Kerch said. "Both for the reasons that we specifically wanted Bill Nye and they wouldn't want to necessarily spend the money just on another choice."

Leah Pietraszewski, AB chairwoman, said because the money given to UB was specifically allocated for Bill Nye, the money would be put back into the Student Fee Account.

"Due to the fact that it is now time for budgets, and the time to bring any additional allo-

## OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** University Board booked Bill Nye for a lecture here at Eastern back in January.

• **Stance:** It turns out Eastern is no longer on Nye's schedule. Since UB has set a precedent in the past of bringing a big-name lecturer ever semester, it should try to bring someone else.

cations to the Apportionment Board has passed, there really aren't any options," Pietraszewski said. "UB Lectures did have some money left in their budget before the request, so they still have that money to work with if they so choose."

While it is admirable that Pietraszewski and AB are being fiscally responsible, they should put the students of Eastern first.

Before the allocation, the UB lectures committee had almost \$7,000 in their account.

Sweetin, who spoke at Eastern in April, cost

UB \$10,000.

Byron, who spoke at Eastern in September, cost UB \$8,000.

An 80s child star and a co-star of a show on the Discovery Channel each charge more than \$7,000 to speak.

It's hard to believe that UB will be able to find anyone to speak for less than \$7,000.

It's even harder to believe that UB will be able to find anyone Eastern students want to hear speak for less than \$7,000.

Nye is not coming.

The students of Eastern deserve a big-name speaker.

Students graduating in May are missing out on seeing this semester's big-name lecturer – an event students have come to expect semester after semester.

UB has failed to meet the standards it has set in past semesters and has left everyone disappointed.

After all the hype, after all the debate, after agreeing to spend almost \$30,000 on a speaker, UB and AB should work together to find a way to allow UB to spend the money on a different speaker this semester.

## EDITORIAL POLICY

The editorial is the majority opinion of the DEN editorial board. Reach the opinions editor at: DENopinions@gmail.com



## CONTINUE THE DEBATE

## ONLINE

Visit DENnews.com to read Dylan Divit's blog, "Another painful ceremony."



"Do the Academy Awards really need all that hype and filler? Torture me no more. I find the concept rather inundating."

-Dylan Divit



SCOTT A. MURRAY

## The U.S. and world ownership

Last Thursday, Turkey mounted an enormous offensive into the northern region of Iraq. The invasion force, which represents the largest cross-border ground incursion since the fall of Saddam Hussein, consists of more than 10,000 Turkish troops, armor, artillery and air support.

So far, 100 Kurdish militants and 15 Turkish armed forces personnel have been killed in the conflict. These figures do not include the death toll from bombing raids carried out in the region earlier this month, which struck as many as 77 targets. Turkey's actions were condoned by the U.S. government, which was briefed "well in advance" of the invasion by Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan – in fact, the Turkish forces are "relying largely on intelligence and weapons provided by Washington."

These developments should raise a few questions given the administration's frequent highlighting of "foreign fighters" as a major obstacle to success in Iraq. President Bush himself has publicly lamented the "influx of foreign fighters ... (that) makes this job a lot tougher," and has vowed to "push back against foreign interference" in Iraq in order to achieve and preserve stability in the nation. In fact, government and news sources report that around 3,000 foreign fighters are currently operating in Iraq, which is a "cause for alarm," according to state officials.

These figures are incredibly misleading, as they omit nearly 140,000 foreign fighters from another country – the United States. This fact never emerges because American officials, commentators and critics alike share a common assumption: that we own the world – that wherever we go we are not "foreign," and that our incursions and the incursions of our allies (like Turkey) into other nations do not constitute unwanted "interference," but welcome intervention.

Even supposed critics of the Iraq War share the fundamental assumption that we own the world. Barack Obama, for instance, has repeatedly stated his belief that the United States should and must unilaterally launch military operations into foreign countries without the permission of that nation's government or population, so long as we have what he calls "actionable intelligence."

One can imagine the outrage that would be expressed here if Iran, or even Canada, asserted its right to launch military strikes against targets in the United States without our permission, whenever it desired.

One fact is reported accurately, however: the presence of foreign fighters, which includes American and Turkish soldiers, is destabilizing the region.

According to the *Washington Post*, all Iraqi ethnic and militant groups agree that "the U.S. military invasion is the primary root of the violent differences among them," and that the United States should withdraw from the country so that it can move toward peace and reconciliation. These findings, incidentally, were gathered by the U.S. military. That said, it is critically important that both the government and the people of the United States relinquish the idea that "we own the world," unless they want to continue playing a lead role in its violent destabilization.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
| MEETINGS

Computers  
postponed

By Rick Kambic  
Student Government Reporter

A delay in the approval for 16 new computers for Student Government has left no new business for tonight's Student Senate meeting.

Because the Apportionment Board has not passed a proposal for the allocation of \$17,000 for the new computers, the senate cannot yet vote on the transaction, said Megan Ogulnick, Student Senate Speaker.

AB originally heard the proposal from Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president, on Feb 7. However, members asked Bulgar to return with more quotes from other computer companies besides Dell.

AB members were concerned about the \$1,000 per computer cost and thought cheaper computers could be purchased.

The Feb. 21 meeting was canceled because of poor weather conditions.

Bulgar will re-propose his allocation during the March 6 AB meeting, nearly a month after his initial presentation. If AB passes the original resolution or a resolution for less money, the senate will then vote to approve the purchase of the computers at the March 19 senate meeting.

Ogulnick said tonight's meeting will have more committee discussion because future resolutions still need to be researched and developed by various members.

Planning for events, such as Sunday night's candlelight vigil and the Student Organization Council meeting Thursday night, has used most of the executive board's free time this week, Ogulnick said.

The vigil will be 7 p.m. in the South Quad. The SOC meeting will be 5 p.m. in the 7th Street Underground. Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, will speak.

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Police

FROM PAGE 1



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS  
Mark Jenkins, Charleston's interim chief of police and Adam Due, chief of the University Police Department, listen to Loretta Prater's lecture on police brutality Tuesday night in Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

Prater said she is not anti-police and said she believes police officers are necessary. However, Prater stressed that police brutality does happen – and can happen to anybody.

After the presentation, a seven-minute video was shown about

Prater's son Leslie, followed by a Q&A session.

Charleston Interim Chief of Police Mark Jenkins and Eastern Chief Adam Due were both attendance for Prater's presentations. Jenkins said he agreed with Prater.

It is the job of police depart-

ments to spend more time and effort on background checks, he said.

"Training should never be underestimated," Jenkins said.

He said when the effort is put forth to give officers adequate training, then incidents of police brutal-

ty would be more rare.

Traffic reports show that, in Charleston, police do not stop many minorities, Jenkins said.

Joycelynn Phillips, a Gateway adviser and chair of the African-American Heritage Month planning committee, was thrilled to see such a large and diverse group in attendance.

About 100 to 125 faculty and students filled Lumpkin Hall Auditorium. Phillips said the event was all about awareness.

"I think police brutality is very real," Phillips said.

It is important for students to learn what happens when they are in an arrest situation or are stopped by police, she said.

"I've been trained from parents to be respectful," said Michael Curtis, Jr., a senior management information systems major and president of Phi Beta Sigma.

But Curtis learned something from Prater's presentation

He said he learned that even if he does everything right in a police situation, there is still a chance something could go wrong.

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Elevators

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Buchanan said the other elevator in Andrews Hall was having problems at the beginning of the semester as well.

Stevenson and Lawson halls have also reported elevator problems.

"We haven't had many problems recently, but every couple weeks throughout the semester there will be a problem with them," said Larissa Cascio, a senior elementary education major living in Stevenson.

Cascio said that usually only one elevator breaks down at a time and the elevator is out of order for a few days at a time, at most.

Despite the problems, Eastern's elevators are actually better than a lot of schools, Hudson said.

"I think that what our elevator repairman tells us is that we have better elevators than most other schools, the students treat them well and the problems are pretty intermittent," Hudson said.

Otis Worldwide maintains all the elevators on campus.

"The university does not employ elevator mechanics; Otis does that for us all over campus," said Mark Shackle, associate director of Housing and Dining.

Even though there have been problems, a residence hall has never had less than one elevator.

"There was one that had a fairly major repair (in Andrews,) but

the other one was operational. Not having access to elevators has not happened yet, however," Hudson said.

Despite the reported problems, Eastern has no plans to upgrade elevators at this time.

"As they need new things, we do new things to them," Shackle said.

Hudson said whenever mechanical things are involved, there are bound to be problems.

"Well, we've had some isolated issues with some machines. Anytime we have mechanical issues, we have problems," Hudson said. "If there are problems with it, our technical team comes out."

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Vacancies

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A Chicago investment group owns the building, Titus said.

Mayor John Inyart said as long as the taxes on a property remain paid, the grass stays mowed and the building does not fall over, there is nothing the city can do.

He described it as "a waiting game."

"You can hope they get tired of mowing or paying taxes on a building that doesn't make any money," Inyart said.

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## STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

**Four plead 'not guilty' in shooting death**

CHICAGO — Four suspects have pleaded not guilty in the shooting death of a University of Chicago graduate student from Senegal.

They also pleaded not guilty to committing other armed robberies the night of 28-year-old Amadou Cisse's (ah-mah-DOO' sihs-AY') death in November.

**Foot doctor charged with multiple felonies**

EAST DUNDEE — A suburban Chicago podiatrist, already charged with secretly videotaping at least one woman and soliciting sex from her, has been charged with dozens of more similar felony counts, authorities said Tuesday.

Dr. Steven Loheide, 63, of Algonquin, was charged with felony eavesdropping, unlawful possession of an eavesdropping device, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, said the Kane County state's attorney's office.

The 95 counts come four months after Loheide was charged with eavesdropping, unauthorized video recording, unlawful solicitation of a sex act and battery.

**30 illegal immigrants arrested in Chicago**

CHICAGO — Federal immigration officials in Chicago say they've arrested 30 illegal immigrants in Illinois with outstanding deportation orders as part of a six-state operation.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement says there were a total of 225 arrests in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New York, Wisconsin, Indiana and Missouri. The four-day operation ended Monday.

The individuals arrested had outstanding deportation orders to 12 countries including Mexico, Cuba, Guatemala, India and Poland.

## STATE | GOVERNMENT

**Blagojevich linked to misconduct****Feds: As 'Public Official A,' governor offered favors for cash**

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Now that he's been unmasked as "Public Official A," Gov. Rod Blagojevich finds himself officially linked to allegations of shady deals and unsavory characters.

Documents filed by federal prosecutors in an upcoming fraud trial claim that in more than one instance, Blagojevich suggested the governor's office could be a place where taxpayers funded re-election campaigns.

Prosecutors claim the second-term Democrat tried to lure a fundraiser with promises of state contracts and told another insider his loyalty would pay off.

And the governor played a role, perhaps an unwitting one, in back-room scheming by appointing people to state boards who could assist in the fraud, prosecutors claim.

Blagojevich has not been charged with any crime, but the questions of misconduct have eroded his public support and political clout.

The process is likely to continue as a former top fundraiser, Anto-

in "Tony" Rezko goes on trial next week.

Rezko, who raised record-breaking amounts of money for Blagojevich in 2002 and 2006, faces eight counts of wire fraud, money laundering and other charges in an alleged game to get kickbacks from companies seeking state investments or approval for construction projects.

The intent was, in part, to raise campaign cash for a politician prosecutors called "Public Official A," according to evidence filed in Rezko's trial.

Media outlets have said for months that Blagojevich is the politician, mentioned 46 times in a 78-page outline of the scheme the government disclosed in December.

But federal U.S. District Judge Amy J. St. Eve officially put the "A" on Blagojevich's chest Monday in a pretrial ruling. Previously, Blagojevich denied he was Public Official A.

Aides said this week Blagojevich knows nothing about the fundraising schemes and never had the conversations with Rezko or his confederates that prosecutors claim.

A real estate developer and fast-food franchise owner, Rezko allegedly teamed with longtime Republican

fundraiser Stuart Levine, who sat on a state teachers pension board and one regulating hospital construction.

Prosecutors claim Levine used his connections to try to get business for companies that would in turn pay fees to Rezko and Levine for the favors. Levine has pleaded guilty and will be a key witness against Rezko.

But defense lawyers have pointed out Levine had an extensive drug habit that could have impaired his memory.

St. Eve will allow Rezko's lawyers to ask Levine about the subject.

While one instance involving the governor relies on Levine's possibly faulty memory, another depends on the recollection of another witness cooperating with the government.

Levine said he was on a plane with Blagojevich, returning from a New York fundraiser in fall 2003.

When Levine thanked Blagojevich for reappointing him to the Teachers Retirement System, the governor said he should only discuss board matters with Rezko or someone identified as Co-Schemer B.

"But you stick with us and you will do very well for yourself," Blagojevich allegedly said.

According to a person famil-

iar with the investigation who spoke only on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the investigation, Co-Schemer B is Christopher Kelly, another Blagojevich fundraiser who is charged in a separate case with trying to disguise gambling debts as business expenses.

Another instance involved Blagojevich and former Al Gore fundraiser Joseph Cari, whom Blagojevich wanted to serve as a national fundraiser for the up-and-coming governor.

Rezko and Kelly had courted Cari for his vast national fundraising experience and connections. Cari declined.

Cari has pleaded guilty to attempted extortion in the scheme and is cooperating with authorities.

In a meeting with Blagojevich, according to court documents, the governor tried to entice Cari to join the team by telling him he had "a lot of ways of helping his friends" and that Rezko and Kelly were his fundraising coordinators.

Blagojevich "also informed Cari that he could award contracts, legal work, and investment banking to help with fundraising," according to prosecutors.

## STATE | AFTERMATH

**Bullet remains in Northern Illinois student's chest****Full recovery expected for last NIU student released from hospital**

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The last Northern Illinois University student to be released from the hospital following the deadly shooting rampage in a campus lecture hall headed home Tuesday with a bullet still lodged near her heart.

Lauren Debrauwere should make a full recovery, said Northwestern Memorial Hospital heart surgeon Dr. Patrick McCarthy.

But the 19-year-old NIU sophomore will require further surgery to fix a leaky heart valve damaged by the blast, McCarthy said. The bullet, which came within centimeters

of her heart, will remain.

"She has a tough road ahead of her, but we are humbled and very grateful we have her with us today, as she's a miracle to us," Debrauwere's sister, Brittany Debrauwere, 23, told reporters at the hospital Tuesday. Lauren Debrauwere did not attend the news conference.

Debrauwere's release comes 12 days after gunman Steve Kazmierczak opened fire on a Cole Hall auditorium — killing five students and wounding at least 16 — before committing suicide.

Her recovery has at times been "unbearable for her both mentally and physically," Brittany Debrauwere said, reading a statement on behalf of the family.

Lauren Debrauwere was sitting near the front of Cole Hall, and

told her parents the gunman fired a handgun at her boyfriend, Dan Parmenter, then shot her twice — once in the hip and again in the abdomen — then shot a girl sitting next to her. Parmenter died.

One bullet entered Debrauwere's abdomen, hit her liver and colon and ended its path lodged in her left chest.

"The bullet did something very unusual in that it went right next to the heart and because of the blast injury, it damaged part of the heart muscle that controls one of the heart valves," McCarthy said.

The family thanked Dr. Stephen Goldman, who performed the surgery at Kishwaukee Community Hospital that stabilized Lauren, and the Air Angels paramedic flight crew who cared for her as she was flown

to Northwestern in Chicago.

Reached by phone, Goldman said the bullet damaged the girl's liver, small intestine and colon — "life-threatening injuries" repaired during a 2½-hour surgery at the DeKalb hospital.

An ultrasound of the heart showed the valve damage, prompting the transfer to Northwestern around midnight.

"She's strong. She said she's ready to go back to school," the teenager's father, Mark Debrauwere, told The Associated Press by phone.

He hasn't discussed with his daughter how she feels about the bullet remaining in her chest, he said.

"She's been feeling better and getting online and reading some of the articles," he said about the shooting.



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## NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### Legislation would cut off funding for Iraq war

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans on Tuesday agreed with Democrats to advance an anti-war bill because they said the debate would give them time to hail progress in Iraq.

The measure, by Democratic Sens. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin and Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, would cut off money for combat after 120 days. It had been expected to fall short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a procedural hurdle and move ahead. The Senate voted 70-24 to begin debating it in earnest.

### Florida power grid hiccup causes outages

MIAMI — A problem with Florida's electrical grid caused a nuclear plant to automatically shut down Tuesday and intermittently cut power to up to 3 million people from Daytona Beach through the Florida Keys.

There were no safety concerns at the nuclear plant. While many areas were hit hard, the outages were short lived and only 20,000 people lacked electricity during the evening commute home.

"We don't know the nature of the equipment malfunction," said Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Kenneth Clark.

### \$30 billion auctioned to combat credit crisis

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve has auctioned another \$30 billion in funds to commercial banks to fight the effects of a serious credit crisis.

The Fed said Tuesday the money carried an interest rate of just over 3 percent.

It was the sixth in a series of auctions that so far have pumped \$160 billion into the nation's banking system in an effort to provide cash-strapped banks with extra reserves.

The Fed's hope is that the increased resources will keep banks lending and prevent a severe credit squeeze from making the current economic slowdown worse.

## NATION | SAFETY

# Ethanol carries little-recognized risk

### Fires require special firefighting foam

The Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The nation's drive to use more alternative fuel carries a danger many communities have been slow to recognize: Ethanol fires are harder to put out than gasoline ones and require a special type of firefighting foam.

Many fire departments around the country don't have the foam, don't have enough of it, or are not well-trained in how to apply it, firefighting experts say. It is also more expensive than conventional foam.

"It is not unusual to find a fire department that is still just prepared to deal with traditional flammable liquids," said Ed Plaughter, director of national programs for the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

The problem is that water doesn't put out ethanol fires, and the foam that has been used since the 1960s to smother gasoline blazes doesn't work well against the grain-alcohol fuel.

Wrecks involving ordinary cars and trucks are not the major concern. They carry modest amounts of fuel, and it is typically a low-concentration, 10 percent blend of ethanol and gasoline. A large amount of conventional foam can usually extinguish such fires.

Instead, the real danger involves

RANDY NOVAK | HEAD OF TRAINING BUREAU FOR IOWA FIRE MARSHAL

**"We're talking about a product that could become more widely used with therefore more exposure to this chemical."**

the many tanker trucks and railcars that are rolling out of the Corn Belt with huge quantities of 85 or 95 percent ethanol and carrying it to parts of the country unaccustomed to dealing with it.

"Now, the most common hazardous material has a new twist to it," said Mike Schultz, a firefighter who manned a foam gun during a recent blaze in Missouri.

Water is not used against gasoline fires because it can spread the blaze and cause the flames to run down into drains and sewers. Instead, foam is used to form a blanket on top of the burning gasoline and snuff out of the flames.

But ethanol — a type of grain alcohol often distilled from corn — eats through that foam and continues to burn.

Such fires require a special alcohol-resistant foam that relies on long-chain molecules known as polymers to smother the flames. Industry officials say the special foam costs about 30 percent more than the standard product, at around \$90 to \$115 for

a five-gallon container.

Fighting ethanol fires also requires a change in tactics. Brent Gaspard, marketing director for Williams Fire & Hazard Control Inc., an industrial firefighting company in Texas, said firefighters cannot just charge ahead and attack an ethanol fire with foam.

"If you just plunge the foam into the fuel, it's going to be less effective. You have to let the foam gently run across the surface so you create a shield," he said.

Industry officials said fire departments in just the past few months are becoming more knowledgeable about ethanol blazes and the special firefighting foam. Fire officials in Iowa and Missouri want to offer firefighters there ethanol training.

"We're talking about a product that could become more widely used with therefore more exposure to this chemical," said Randy Novak, head of the training bureau for the Iowa fire marshal. "We need to make sure folks understand what it is and how to deal with it."

## WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### Quake rocks Indonesia, tsunami warning lifted

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A powerful quake struck off the western coast of Indonesia's Sumatra island Monday, causing residents to panic, witnesses said. Agencies briefly issued a tsunami warning, but no large waves were generated. No injuries were immediately reported. The quake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.3, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

### Bomb kills army general near Pakistan capital

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A suicide bomber hit a car carrying the army's surgeon general along a busy road in Rawalpindi on Monday, killing him along with at least seven other people, the army said. Lt. Gen. Mushtaq Ahmed Baig appears to be the highest-ranking military official to have died in an attack since President Pervez Musharraf sided with the U.S. after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Baig, his driver and his guard were killed along with five civilians in Monday's blast, the army said in a statement. Musharraf himself survived at least three attempts on his life before he retired as army chief in November.

### South Africa to allow killing of elephants

PRETORIA, South Africa — South Africa said it will allow elephants to be killed to control their population, reversing a 1994 ban and immediately drawing criticism from animal rights activists. In a government statement given to reporters Monday, killing elephants is described as one way of managing growing populations.

The government in 1994 banned culling the elephant population, but since then, the number of the giant beasts in the country has ballooned from 8,000 to more than 20,000.

The new policy becomes official Friday.

## WORLD | RIOTS

# Protesters angry over Kosovo clash with police

The Associated Press

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Police fired tear gas at Bosnian Serb rioters Tuesday to prevent them from storming the building of the U.S. consulate after protests against Kosovo's independence.

A group split away from the almost 10,000 peaceful protesters in Banja Luka and headed toward the consulate, breaking shop windows and throwing stones at police who blocked the streets leading to the building with armored vehicles.

A rain of stones poured down on police before officers fired tear gas to disperse the crowd. Several officers were seen limping. Police were also

seen detaining several demonstrators as they withdrew to a nearby park.

Hundreds of hooligans attacked the U.S. embassy in downtown Belgrade Thursday, setting part of it on fire and smashing windows. One person died, and hundreds were injured and arrested.

Some bystanders returning from the peaceful part of Tuesday's protest yelled "Shame on you!" at the rioters and one man, apparently a former Bosnian Serb soldier, shouted, "This is not what I fought for!"

The incident occurred despite repeated calls by organizers to hold a peaceful protest against Kosovo's independence. Police secured diplomatic missions in the city and

warned it would use all legal means to prevent violence.

Tuesday's protest began with participants gathering peacefully at the main square in downtown Banja Luka, carrying Serbian flags, pictures of Russian President Vladimir Putin and banners reading "No America." At least one U.S. flag had a swastika scribbled on it.

Bosnia comprises of two mini-states, one run by Bosnian Serbs, the other by Bosnians and Croats. The Bosnian Serb parliament has condemned Kosovo's declaration of independence and said it will consider a referendum to secede from Bosnia if more countries recognize an independent Kosovo.



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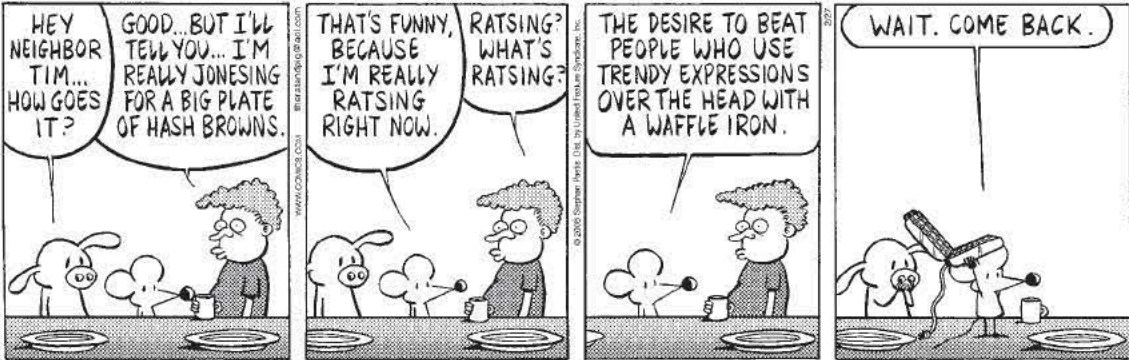
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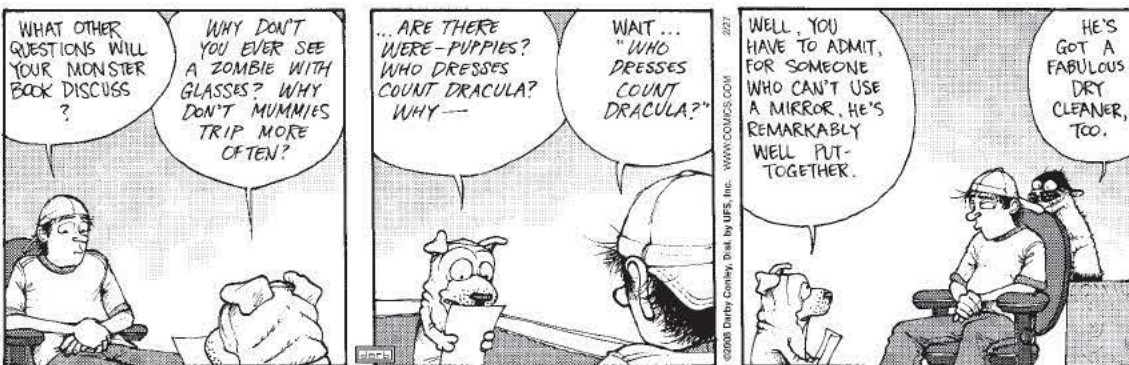
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FILE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern senior wide receiver Micah Rucker wants to make a good impression on NFL scouts as he prepares for Eastern's professional scout day in March.

## » Pros

FROM PAGE 12

The senior pro day scouts are still questionable.

"Because we are a small school, we publicize the time and date (of the pro day)," Jackson said. "Nobody confirmed they're coming (as of Tuesday)."

The scouts who do show will see Eastern seniors Micah Rucker (wide receiver) and Thomas.

Jackson said Rucker and Thomas have the best chance of getting picked up by an NFL team.

Jackson said Rucker has the size and catching abilities, but he lacks the top-end speed some NFL teams are looking for.

Jackson said Thomas ran a low 4.5-second 40-yard dash at last year's junior pro day.

Thomas has good speed at middle linebacker and can chase down ball carriers across the field.

Thomas said he wants to improve on his 40-yard dash time.

"It's all about technique, and (last year) I wasn't technically sound," Thomas said. "(The trainers) are

## DONALD THOMAS | SENIOR LINEBACKER ON HIS CHANCES FOR THE FUTURE

**"It's all about technique, and (last year) I wasn't technically sound. (The trainers) are teaching me the tricks of the trade every day. I think my biggest attribute as a football player is just getting east to west, sideline to sideline. And I make plays when I get there."**

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"The knock on (Donald) is that he's 5-9," Jackson said. "They've all got tools, but they've all got something going against them."

Thomas acknowledged his lack of size as a potential NFL linebacker, but he said he hopes to make up for his short stature with his speed and his humbleness.

"I think my biggest attribute as a football player is just getting east to west, sideline to sideline," Thomas said. "And I make plays when I get

there."

Jackson said Eastern players' futures in professional football depend on whether those teams are willing to take a chance to get them into camp.

Eastern's seniors might not be limited to a March 22 pro day.

Jackson said some Eastern football players might run at Illinois' pro day on March 12, but those spots have not been confirmed.

Scott Richey can be reached at 581-7944 or at [srrichey@eiu.edu](mailto:srrichey@eiu.edu).

## NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

# NIU takes another step to normalcy

The Associated Press

DEKALB — Northern Illinois University took another small step Tuesday night, when it hosted Western Michigan in a men's basketball game, the first athletic event on campus since a gunman killed five students in a lecture hall before killing himself on Feb. 14.

For the record, Western Michigan won 56-49 behind a 16-point effort from David Kool.

"It should serve as some therapy for all of us," NIU coach Ricardo Patton said.

The teams gathered arm-in-arm in a circle at midcourt while observing a moment of silence before the game. Then, they shook hands and stood at opposite foul lines as the NIU alma mater and the Star Spangled banner played.

## Orton gets extension

LAKE FOREST — The Chicago Bears agreed to a one-year extension with quarterback Kyle Orton on Tuesday.

The Bears signed embattled starter Rex Grossman to a one-year, \$3 million deal with \$1.5 million possible in incentives during the weekend, then added an extra year to Orton's contract with the possibility through incentives of earning more than \$5 million the next two seasons. He received \$1.6 million in bonuses.

## Richards nixes deadline deal

CHICAGO — The Chicago Blackhawks tried to secure Tampa Bay Lightning center Brad Richards before Tuesday's NHL trading deadline. But Richards stymied the deal by exercising a no-trade clause in his contract, officials said.

Instead, Tampa Bay, which started Tuesday in last place in the NHL's Eastern Conference, sent Richards to the Dallas Stars as the centerpiece of a multiplayer deal.

"It was a no-trade thing and he (Richards) made up his mind he wanted to go to a team that had a shot at the Stanley Cup," said Blackhawks General Manager Dale Tallon. "He wanted immediate results, and to get right in the action."

## DeRosa set to return Monday

MESA, Ariz. — The Chicago Cubs issued no report on Mark DeRosa's visit to a Chicago cardiologist Tuesday, but manager Lou Piniella expects the 33-year-old second baseman back in camp on Monday.

DeRosa flew to Chicago Monday after experiencing a lengthy irregular heartbeat Saturday during a workout. He was kept overnight at Banner Desert Medical Center in Mesa as a precaution. DeRosa later told reporters he has experienced an irregular heartbeat, or atrial dysrhythmia, since he was a teenager.

## Cards pitchers to bat eighth

JUPITER, Fla. — Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said Tuesday his pitchers would bat eighth in spring training games in which the designated hitter is not used.

La Russa then plans to continue the practice once the regular season starts.

## Falker leads SIUC to win

PEORIA — Randal Falker scored 17 points to lead Southern Illinois to a 71-60 win at Bradley on Tuesday.

Bradley point guard Daniel Ruffin did not play after being arrested Saturday on a misdemeanor domestic battery charge. Ruffin averaged around 15 points a game and is suspended indefinitely.

## New No. 1 Tennessee loses

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Shan Foster scored 32 points and No. 18 Vanderbilt knocked off top-ranked Tennessee 72-69 on Tuesday night — a day after the Vols moved into the top spot in the rankings for the first time in school history.

Chris Lofton led Tennessee with 25 points.

## Ming out for season

HOUSTON — All-Star Houston Rockets center Yao Ming is out for the season with a stress fracture in his left foot.

General manager Daryl Morey made the announcement Tuesday.

Rockets doctor Tom Clanton said if Yao chooses surgery, it would involve placing screws across the bone to hold it together.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

# Southeast Missouri clinches share of title

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Southeast Missouri has done it again. The Redhawks clinched at least a share of the regular season Ohio Valley Conference title when it beat Eastern Kentucky 68-52 on Saturday behind a season-high 19 points from junior forward Rachel Blunt. It is SEMO's third straight regular season title.

The Redhawks are 12-2 in the conference, and their only losses have come from Tennessee State and Murray State and both of these games are at home.

SEMO plays Samford on Thursday and Jacksonville State on Saturday.

If the Redhawks do win out, they are guaranteed the No. 1 seed in the OVC tournament.

"We're just plugging away and defending and sharing the ball," said SEMO head coach John Ishee.

The Redhawks have won 12 straight games and have not lost since a 71-68 loss to Murray State on Jan. 7.

"We need to take to exit polls like these presidential primaries and project the winner," Ishee jokingly said. "You have to go play. I think our team realizes that."

SEMO has gone 44-10 in conference play the past three seasons with two conference games remaining this year.

OVC STANDINGS

| School           | Overall | OVC  |
|------------------|---------|------|
| SE Missouri      | 21-6    | 16-4 |
| Samford          | 21-7    | 14-4 |
| Murray St.       | 16-7    | 10-5 |
| E. Illinois      | 15-12   | 13-5 |
| Tenn. St.        | 12-15   | 9-9  |
| Jacksonville St. | 11-16   | 8-10 |
| E. Kentucky      | 13-12   | 8-10 |
| Morehead St.     | 9-18    | 7-11 |
| Tenn. Tech       | 7-21    | 7-12 |
| Austin Peay      | 6-21    | 3-15 |
| UT-Martin        | 5-24    | 2-17 |

TOP 10 SCORERS

| Name           | School | PPG  |
|----------------|--------|------|
| 1. A. Hayes    | MUR    | 18.8 |
| 2. R. Galligan | EIU    | 18.0 |
| 3. A. Guffey   | MUR    | 17.9 |
| 4. K. Appling  | TSU    | 17.7 |
| 5. C. Fuller   | UTM    | 16.9 |
| 6. O. Okafor   | TSU    | 16.7 |
| 7. C. Jones    | EKU    | 15.5 |
| 7. K. Tyler    | TTU    | 14.9 |
| 9. A. Caze     | EKU    | 14.3 |
| 10. M. Whitney | SEMO   | 14.2 |

TOP 10 REBOUNDERS

| Name            | School | RPG |
|-----------------|--------|-----|
| 1. B. Pittman   | MOR    | 9.1 |
| 2. P. Mitchell  | UTM    | 9.1 |
| 3. A. Hayes     | MUR    | 8.7 |
| 4. C. Fuller    | UTM    | 8.3 |
| 5. O. Okafor    | TSU    | 8.2 |
| 6. C. Duhart    | JSU    | 8.0 |
| 7. M. Whitney   | SEMO   | 7.0 |
| 8. J. Efezokhae | JSU    | 6.8 |
| 9. R. Galligan  | EIU    | 6.3 |
| 10. K. Tyler    | TTU    | 6.2 |

TOP 10 ASSIST LEADERS

| Name              | School | APG  |
|-------------------|--------|------|
| 1. A. McGee       | AP     | 5.11 |
| 2. L. Pierce      | TSU    | 4.85 |
| 3. A. Guffey      | MUR    | 4.58 |
| 4. A. S.-Williams | MOR    | 3.96 |
| 5. S. Petty       | MUR    | 3.92 |
| 6. T. Towns       | SAM    | 3.82 |
| 7. N. Avery       | EKU    | 3.68 |
| 8. C. Jones       | EKU    | 3.64 |
| 9. A. Caze        | EKU    | 3.48 |
| 10. D. Beneby     | JSU    | 3.19 |

Appling scores 50, almost sets conference record

Kendra Appling did something no Tennessee State or OVC player has done in a while.

The junior guard scored 50 points in a 91-77 TSU win against Jacksonville State on Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

Appling finished 19-of-31 from the floor, which included 6-of-10 from 3-point range. She finished 6-of-7 from the free-throw line.

"I don't want to take credit away from her," said Jacksonville State head coach Becky Geyer. "When she shot, it went in. We were very disappointed (with our defense). Defensively, it wasn't like we were there."

Tennessee State's Carolyn Aldridge holds the TSU and OVC record with 51 points. Aldridge scored 51 against Wake Forest in the 1994-95 season.

Appling, also notched her 1,000th career point during that game and moved to 12th all-time on TSU's points list.

Teams unsure of position in conference tournament

Southeast Missouri, Samford, Murray State and Eastern Illinois have assured themselves a quarterfinal game in the OVC Tournament.

Those four teams will finish in the top four because of their conference records.

Tennessee State, which is in fifth place, is also guaranteed a spot in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

This is the first time since the 2004-05 season TSU has been in the conference tournament. TSU was also last in the tournament in 2001.

"It's been us about believing in ourselves (this year)," said TSU head coach Tracee Wells. "We tried to control our destiny. For us, this is a rejuvenation."

Eastern Kentucky, (13-12, 8-10) which is in seventh place in the league, still has two more games to play along with Morehead State.

Morehead State defeated Eastern Kentucky on Tuesday night, 68-65 in Richmond, Ky. ECU only has to win one more game to guarantee a spot in the conference tournament.

TTU has not been eliminated from the tournament, even though Morehead won on Tuesday night. The Eagles have to lose their two remaining games, and Tennessee Tech has to win against Murray State on Saturday for the Golden Eagles to make the conference tournament.

Morehead has the tie-breaker and has swept the season series against TTU.

Jacksonville State sits in sixth place in the league standings. The Gamecocks play first-place SEMO on Saturday and fourth-place Eastern on Thursday.

Austin Peay and Tennessee-Martin are the only two teams that have been eliminated.

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THIS WEEK'S OVC

SCHEDULE

Thursday

- Tenn. State at Morehead State- 4:15 p.m.
- Austin Peay at E. Kentucky - 4:30 p.m.
- Jacksonville State at E. Illinois- 5 p.m.
- Samford at SE Missouri - 5 p.m.
- Murray State at Tenn. Tech- 8 p.m.

Saturday

- Tenn. State at E. Kentucky - 2 p.m.
- Austin Peay at Morehead State - 4:15 p.m.
- Samford at E. Illinois - 5 p.m.
- Jacksonville State at SE Missouri - 5 p.m.
- UT-Martin at Murray State- 5:30 p.m.

MORE ONLINE

- Check out [dennews.com](http://dennews.com) for podcasts from Tuesday morning's OVC teleconferences.

» Employment

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Eastern defensive coordinator and assistant head coach Roc Bellantoni said the team would have the position filled sooner rather than later.

"We hope to have this figured out in the next week or so," Bellantoni said. "We're just anxious to get it filled."

Bellantoni also said Wittke was the favorite for the position, while Smith said he was more open to the team considering all applicants closely.

"I don't think there's a favorite," Smith said.

Smith said of the 75 applicants for the position, four finalists were selected, but Steve Engelhart, the head coach at Rose-Hulman, withdrew his application.

Smith said experience was the separating factor between the applicant pool and the finalists. Smith said the fact all three candidates coached at

PREVIOUS OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS

- Jorge Munoz was only in that position for one year, which was last season.
- Mark Hutson was the offensive coordinator in 2006.

Eastern shows strength in past personnel decisions.

"It shows the quality of the people we have hired in the past," Smith said.

Bellantoni said the remaining finalists have limited experience running a spread offense.

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo announced his intentions for Eastern to adopt the spread offense during National Signing Day on Feb. 6.

However, Smith said the spread offense is "something (the football team is) going to investigate."

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APPLICANTS

•Lynch is in his third year as Eastern's wide receivers coach and is also the program's recruiting coordinator.



Mike Lynch

•Hoover, currently Eastern's offensive line coach, was the offensive coordinator at Portland State before coming to Eastern last year.



Jeff Hoover

•Wittke has had three coaching stops at Arkansas, Arizona State and Northern Illinois after he left Eastern in 2002.



Roy Wittke

» Cusack

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This season, the men's greatest challenge will be Southeast Missouri.

SEMO is solid in sprinting. Junior sprinter Chris Gill ranks first in the 200-meter run (21.87 seconds), and senior sprinter Miles Smith ranks first in the 400-meter run (46.13 seconds). SEMO also has the OVC's fastest 1,600-meter relay team by more than seven seconds. In the field, SEMO boasts the first and third long jumpers: senior jumper John Berry (24 feet, 10.5 inches) and freshman jumper Tyler Terry (22 feet, 4.5 inches), respectively. Also, SEMO has the top-three ranked shot-putters and the top-two ranked throwers in the 35-lb. weight throw.

To win, Eastern's men must stick to their strengths. But when the Panthers are good, they are very good.

Eastern boasts the top-six ranked 800-meter runners in the OVC, led

by junior distance runner David Holm (1 minute, 51.24 seconds).

The Panthers also dominate the high jump: All the top-five ranked athletes in that event are Panthers and are led by senior jumper Obe Eruteya (6 feet, 8.75 inches).

Eruteya is a four-time OVC Field Athlete of the Week this season and is also the top triple jumper (50 feet, 7.5 inches) in the OVC.

For the women to repeat, they may have to follow a similar recipe as last season. Golden is the only one ranked first in an event in the OVC, in the 60-meter hurdles (8.65 seconds). However, 12 Eastern women's track athletes are ranked in the top five of their events.

It will not be a miracle for Eastern's teams to hoist the hardware this weekend in the Volunteer State, but it is going to take work.

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**West Virginia at DePaul** |  
8 tonight on ESPN2

## TRIPLE THREAT



Brady Sallee

Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee (above) and the rest of the Panthers are preparing for the final week of the regular season. The Panthers will host Jacksonville State and Samford on Thursday and Saturday. The Panthers can finish anywhere between second and fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference. Shortly after the end of the regular season, the conference player of the year will be announced.

Here are the top contenders for that award.

**1. Rachel Galligan** — Eastern's junior forward has done everything to keep the Panthers in games, especially nights where she's double and triple-teamed. The Bloomington native is the core of Eastern's high-low offense this season. Galligan is averaging 18 points and 6.3 rebounds.

**2. Ashley Hayes** — The Murray State junior is a dynamic athlete who can play at both guard and forward. She averages 18.8 points and 8.7 rebounds. Hayes was a preseason first-team all-conference selection this season.

**3. Missy Whitney** — The preseason OVC Player of the Year from SEMO has been hampered by elbow and foot injuries and has missed four conference games this season. But, Whitney is averaging 14.2 points and seven rebounds per game. She was a second-team all-OVC selection last season.

—Kevin Murphy



DAN CUSACK

## Teams can repeat

If either Eastern Illinois men's or women's track teams wins the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championship this weekend in Nashville, Tenn., don't coin it the Music City Miracle.

Why should it be? Both teams have been there before.

The men's team has been OVC Indoor Champions for seven consecutive years and 10 of the last 11 seasons.

The women's team won its first indoor championship last season despite junior hurdler Chandra Golden being the only individual to win an event.

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## FOOTBALL | PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



FILE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior running back Ademola Adeniji is trying to prolong his football career by preparing for Eastern's senior pro day in March. Adeniji earned first-team All-OVC honors for the first time after he led the conference in rushing yards in conference contests. He finished the season with 1,178 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns. He was selected the CSN National Player of the Week after Eastern's win against Samford on Nov. 17.

# PANTHERS PREPARE FOR PROS

## Eastern's football pro days to happen within the next month

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Word from the National Football League Combine this week in Indianapolis has centered on Arkansas running back Darren McFadden's 4.33-second 40-yard dash time. The cannon arm and surprising agility of Delaware quarterback Joe Flacco has also been mentioned.

Comparatively, Eastern football is quiet. Spring football is weeks away, and National Signing Day has come and gone, delaying the excitement of the new recruits until the next season starts.

But Eastern football will soon make its return. The Panthers will host two pro days in the next month. Junior pro day is scheduled for March 4, and senior pro day will take place March 22.

While hundreds of college football players were in Indianapolis, Eastern senior linebacker Donald Thomas was in Phoenix training and getting ready for Eastern's pro day.

"Unfortunately, I wasn't able to go to the combine in Indianapolis," Thomas said. "I've got to depend on my performance at pro day."

Thomas said he is training out of a place in St. Louis, but traveled to the company's facility in Phoenix to do most of his preparation. He said he has worked on the different skill tests expected at the pro day like the 40-yard dash, broad jump and the verti-

cal jump.

Those skill tests will give the 18 Eastern football players participating in the pro days some busy afternoons.

Eastern linebackers coach Forrest Jackson, who coordinates the pro days, said the players would take the Wonderlic test.

The Wonderlic test is a 50-question IQ test that is administered to all potential NFL players before the draft to measure cognitive ability, which is supposed to be the most reliable indicator of an individual's professional performance.

After the Wonderlic test, Jackson said players would have their wingspan and hand size measured, and then their height and weight would be recorded.

Once that is completed, the players finally get to go on the field to run

a timed 40-yard dash and perform other skill tests.

"At this level (of football), it's big to have a pro day," Jackson said. "It's an opportunity for guys to live their dream. (But) some guys fail to realize that their dream had to be realized on the field."

Jackson said the scouts who attend Eastern's pro day will watch game film of the participating athletes, and that is when the real evaluations will be made.

Jackson said Gary Smith, a scout with the New York Jets, would be at the junior pro day to act as a national scout and deliver a report to other teams. Jackson said scouts from the New York Giants and Denver Broncos might also be on hand.

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## ATHLETICS | EMPLOYMENT NOTEBOOK

# Offer made for assistant women's soccer coach

## Interviews for football coordinator position still ongoing

By JC Clark  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's soccer team is still in the process of selecting an assistant coach.

Eastern interim athletic director Ken Baker said an offer has been made to fill the opening, but he could not give out any more specific details.

Eastern head women's soccer coach Tim Nowak said the team's goal is to have the position filled by April 1.

The position has remained open since the departure of former assistant coach Beth Liesen.

Liesen took a teaching position at Crete-Monee pre-school in the Chicago suburbs after coaching at Eastern from 2005-07.

Nowak said the search committee was pleased with the candidates it had.

"We're excited about the pool of candidates we have," Nowak said. "We think we'll end up with a great coach."

Nowak also said the team has responded well to the opening, and it has had no effect on offseason preparations.



Tim Nowak

The head women's soccer coach, is part of the women's soccer assistant coach search committee.

He said the team's leadership is the contributing factor behind its stability during the period of the vacancy.

## Finalists for assistant football coach announced

The finalists for the Eastern's football assistant coaching position has been announced.

Former Eastern offensive coordinator Jorge Munoz left to be the quarterbacks and passing coordinator at Louisiana-Lafayette (a Football Bowl Subdivision team). This left the Panthers without an offensive coordinator or quarterbacks coach.

Eastern defensive coordinator and assistant head coach Roc Bellantoni said former Eastern quarterbacks coach Roy Wittke visited Eastern on Monday and Tuesday, and is a finalist for the offensive coordinator

position.

Wittke's most recent coaching position was as an assistant at Northern Illinois.

Eastern also has two other finalists on the coaching staff.

Eastern associate athletic director John Smith said Jeff Hoover, a former offensive coordinator at Portland State, interviewed Tuesday and could interview again today.

Hoover is Eastern's offensive line coach.

Smith said Mike Lynch, who is in his third year as wide receivers coach, will be interviewing for the position Thursday and Friday.

After the interviews are conducted, the search committee will report its findings, and make a decision concerning who will fill the vacancy.

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## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
**Thursday vs. Jacksonville State** |  
5 p.m. — Lantz Arena

MEN'S BASKETBALL  
**Thursday vs. Jacksonville State** |  
7:15 p.m. — Lantz Arena

SOFTBALL  
**Friday vs. Indiana** |  
Noon — Chattanooga, Tenn.

SOFTBALL  
**Friday vs. Marshall** |  
2:15 p.m. — Chattanooga, Tenn.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK  
**Friday at OVC Championships** |  
3 p.m. — Nashville, Tenn.